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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 647 (Patterson)

Support: Association of Underground Contractors, MI Concrete Paving Assn., Federation of Independent Businessmen, MI Road Builders, MI Restaurant Assn.

Oppose: MI State AFL-CIO, MI State Building Trades, Teamsters, UAW, Operating Engineers, MI State Employees Assn., MIOSHA, DLEG

SB 647 is an anti-worker bill because it: 1) Creates an incentive for employers to be ignorant of the law thus endangering employees. A lack of "knowledge" serves as an acceptable defense. 2) Diminishes employer responsibility. 3) Negatively impacts MIOSHA's ability to conduct investigations of unsafe work places. 4) Negatively impacts MIOSHA's ability to prosecute employers for willful violations.

- **SB 647 passed [RC 137: 21 yes, 15 no (DEMS)]. SCHAUER: This bill will weaken worker safety standards.**

SB 847 (SWITALSKI)

SB 847 conveys public land to the Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, Inc., at fair market value, and would eliminate the requirement that the services be strictly for indigent persons. The bill also would include "physical rehabilitation" and "other human service needs" as authorized purposes of the conveyance, and would require that the appraised value of the property be based on its use as providing services to individuals who are aged, physically handicapped, and substance abusers, in addition to people who are mentally ill or developmentally disabled.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 5340, which would prohibit the resale of the property for one year, and states that if it were subsequently sold for any purpose other than the provision of community-based services, the State would be entitled to 50% of the net profit from the sales.

- **SB 847 was passed [RC 138: 36 yes, 0 no].**

HB 5190 (Lajoy)

HB 5190 would establish the Office of Human Resources within the Dept. of Civil Service. The Office would consolidate and reorganize all human resource operations within the Executive Branch, excluding the AG and Sec. of State. All resources activities, including payroll and employee benefits, would be conducted by this Office.

Opposed: Governor's office, UAW, SEIU, AFL-CIO – This is a political bill designed to embarrass the governor and usurp her power-infringes on historical executive prerogative. Besides, the Republican controlled Atty. General and Sec. of State offices are exempt from the consolidation. Finally, there is no evidence that a centralized human resources dept. is either more effective or cost-efficient.

- HB 5190 passed with IE [RC 140: 21 yes, 16 no (DEMS)]. BASHAM: Why have we left out the Attorney General and Sec. of State offices? There is no evidence this will save any money.

HB 5386 (Bisbee)

HB 5386 allows the Department of Correction to convey two parcels of property to the Department of Military Affairs.

The first parcel is a 30 acres parcel that used to be a farm field. The Department of Military affairs would like to use this property to build a new armory court, and are up for a grant from the federal government, however Military Affairs must own this property before the grant can happen.

The second piece of property is the site of the old armory court, which contains some very old buildings. In the 1940's most of the property surrounding this parcel was conveyed from Corrections to Military Affairs, and this piece was inadvertently left out.

- HB 5386 passed with IE [RC 139: 37 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

HB 5280 (Ward)

HB 5280 states that, if a school is closed or vacated because of a bomb threat, school officials cannot require employees to remain in the building unless the employee has been trained to deal with bomb threats.

- HB 5280 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.